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To Whom it May Concern:

Per the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, 15 U.S.C. 16 (Tunney Act), I am commenting on the revised proposed Final Judgment to resolve the United States v. Microsoft civil antitrust case. I find the proposed settlement to be inadequate; the settlement does not include any terms to enforce restitution or reprisal for the damages Microsoft incurred.

Microsoft was found liable for damages caused by it's actions. The proposed settlement, however, does not go to any significant length to make provisions to any party, individual, or company that incurred a loss through Microsoft's actions. The proposed settlement only takes steps to limit damages that may be incurred in the future.

Given the substantial nature of the damages that were incurred and the period of time over which Microsoft has been able to use it's monopoly for monetary benefit, I believe that direct monetary penalties should be included in the proposed settlement.

It is one thing to try and prohibit Microsoft's future actions and minimize their ability to leverage their position in industry as a monopoly. As the proposed settlement details, hopefully said restrictions will encourage competition in the marketplace and restrict Microsoft's monopoly. Without including settlement terms, however, that include retribution to those impacted by Microsoft's actions, Microsoft is allowed to essentially "get away with" everything that they did. To not be punished for improper behavior is to not serve proper justice.

Microsoft was allowed to make billions of dollars through their monopoly. Other companies and individuals were directly penalized and damaged. The industry as a whole has also been impacted. The proposed settlement is inadequate because it is looking only to limit future activity. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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